REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the remarks to follow and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-13 are rejected. Claims 4, 5 and 14 are objected. Claims 15-18 are deemed to be allowable.

In the Official Action, Claims 1-3 and 6 stand provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness double patenting over copending US Application No. 11/050,360.

In response, applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection. As such, the instant rejection has been obviated, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Claims 4, 5 and 14 stand objected to for depending on a rejected base claim, Claim 1.

In response, applicants submit that since the above-mentioned terminal disclaimer has obviated the rejection to Claim 1, it follows that the basis for the objection to Claims 4, 5 and 14 no longer exists. As such, withdrawal of the instant objection is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Claims 8-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

In response, applicants have deleted Claims 8-13, without prejudice. Applicants are not conceding in this application that Claim 8-13 are not patentable for the reasons addressed in the Official Action, as the present claim cancellation is only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the present invention. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the deleted claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

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In view of foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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